



# Change in North Carolina

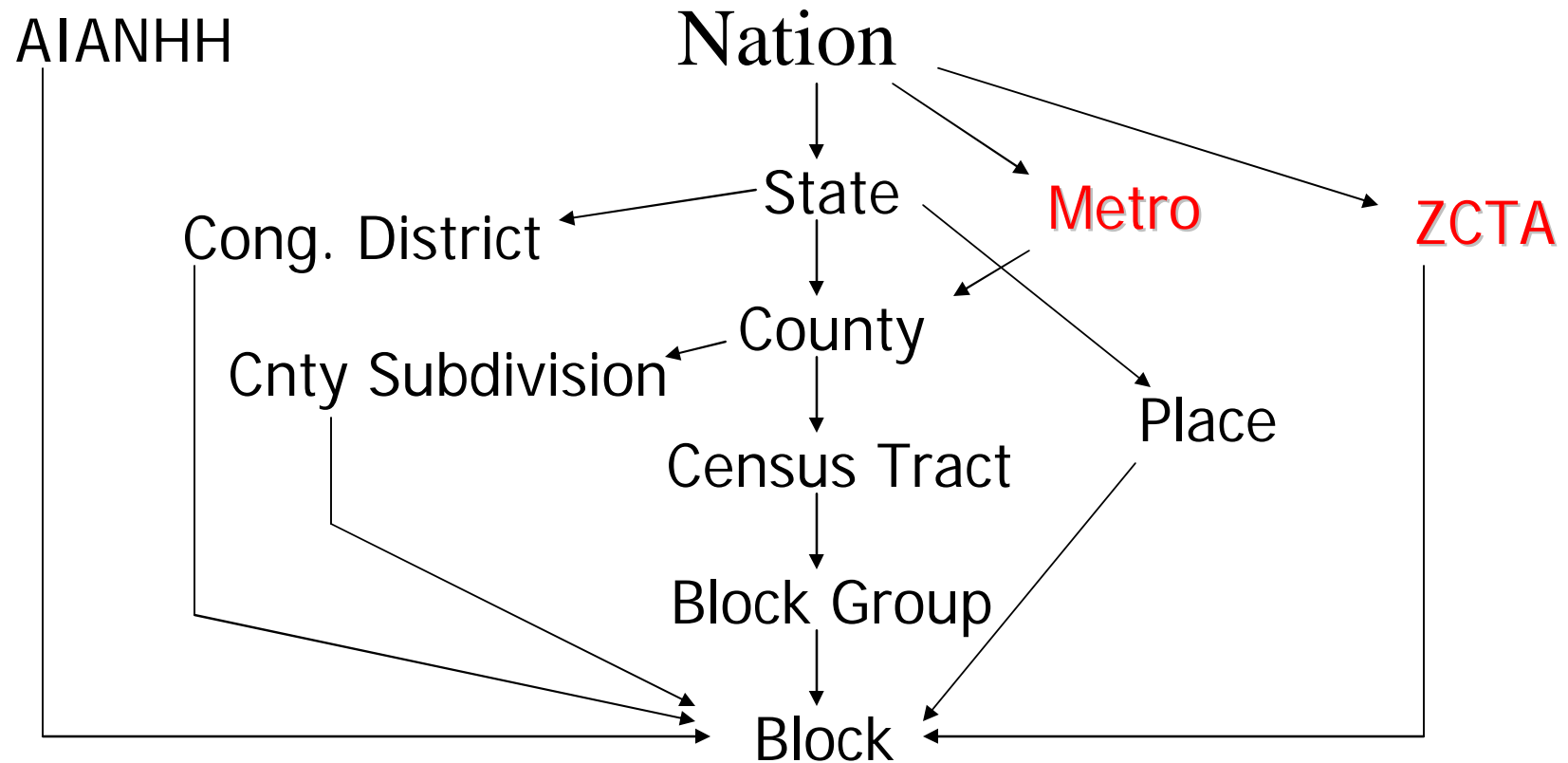
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# Census Geography

## An Abbreviated Hierarchy

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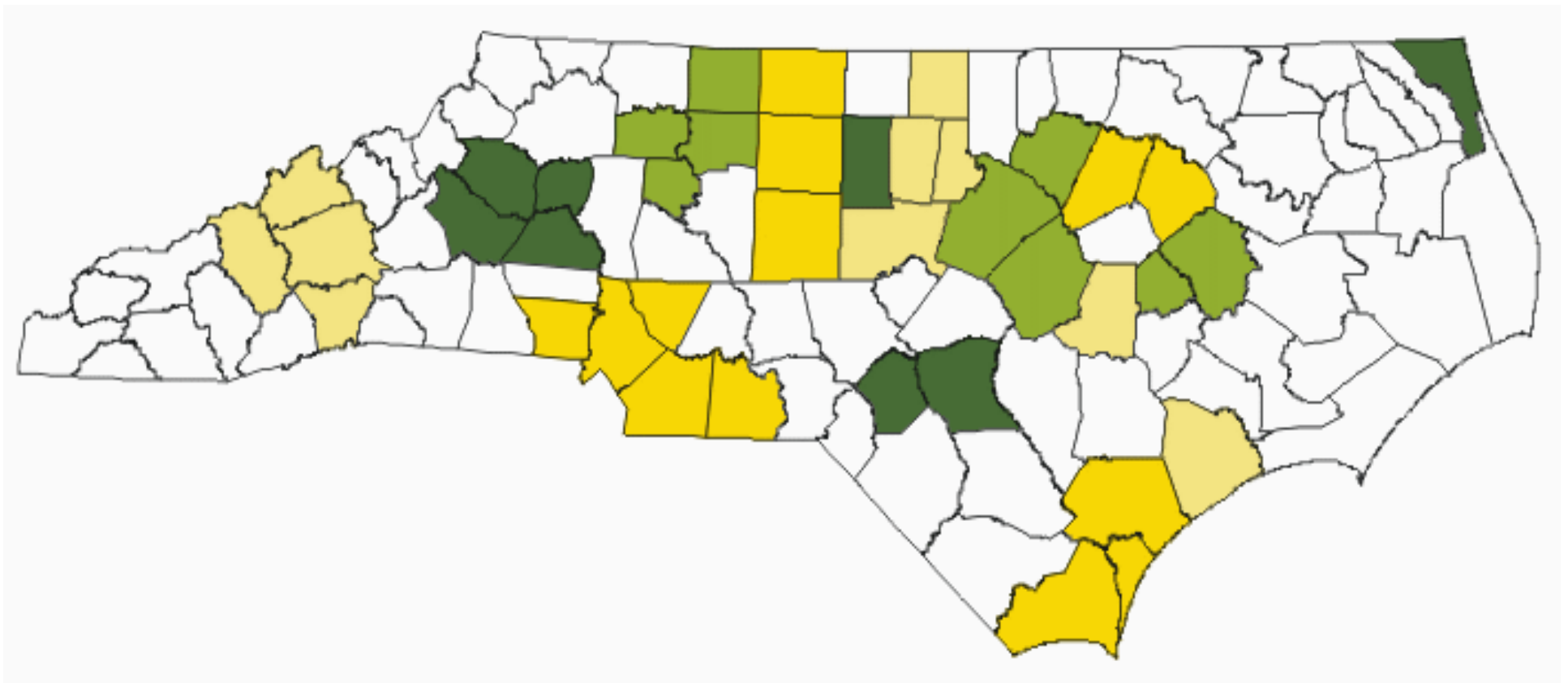
# Metropolitan Changes

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- ❑ Metropolitan is not Urban
- ❑ Metropolitan area criteria are defined/reviewed by the US Office of Management and Budget
- ❑ Metropolitan area definitions changed dramatically in 2003
  - 1980 – 20 metro counties
  - 1990 – 24 metro counties
  - 2000 – 58 metro counties

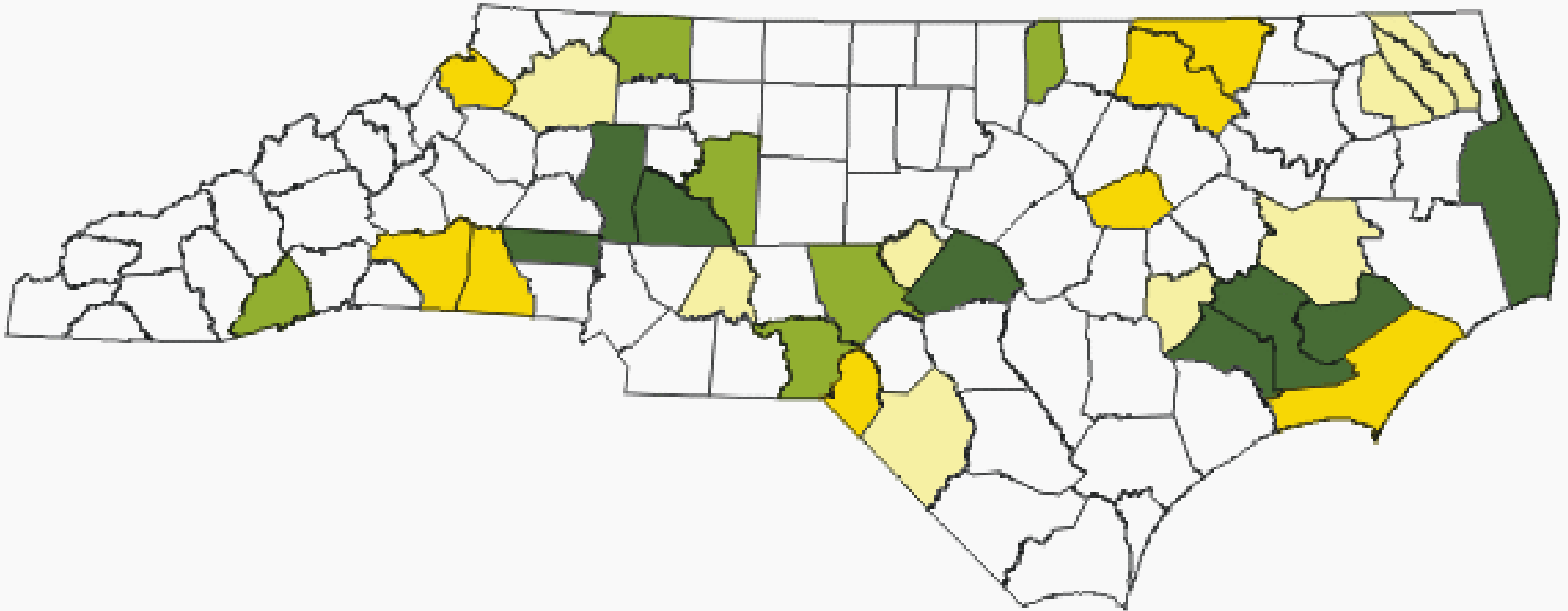
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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas



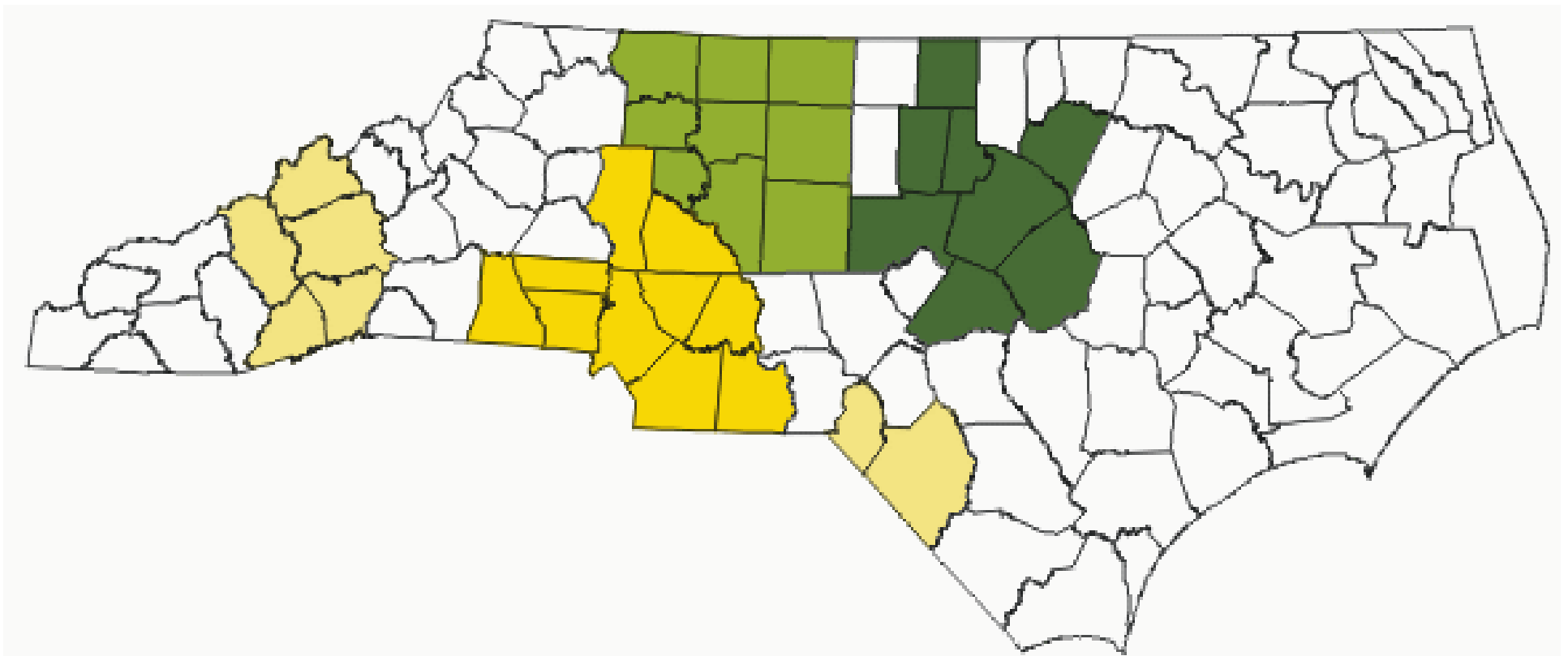
# North Carolina Micropolitan Statistical Areas

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# North Carolina Combined Statistical Areas

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# General Population Trends

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- Growth

  - There are more of us.

  - We're getting older.

  - We're more diverse.

- Nationally population is migrating South and West

- North Carolina is projected to reach 12,000,000 by 2030



# North Carolina is Growing

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- North Carolina grew by 21.4 % from 1990 to 2000
- 6<sup>th</sup> largest state in actual population growth
- Estimated to grow 1.5 million from 2000 to 2010



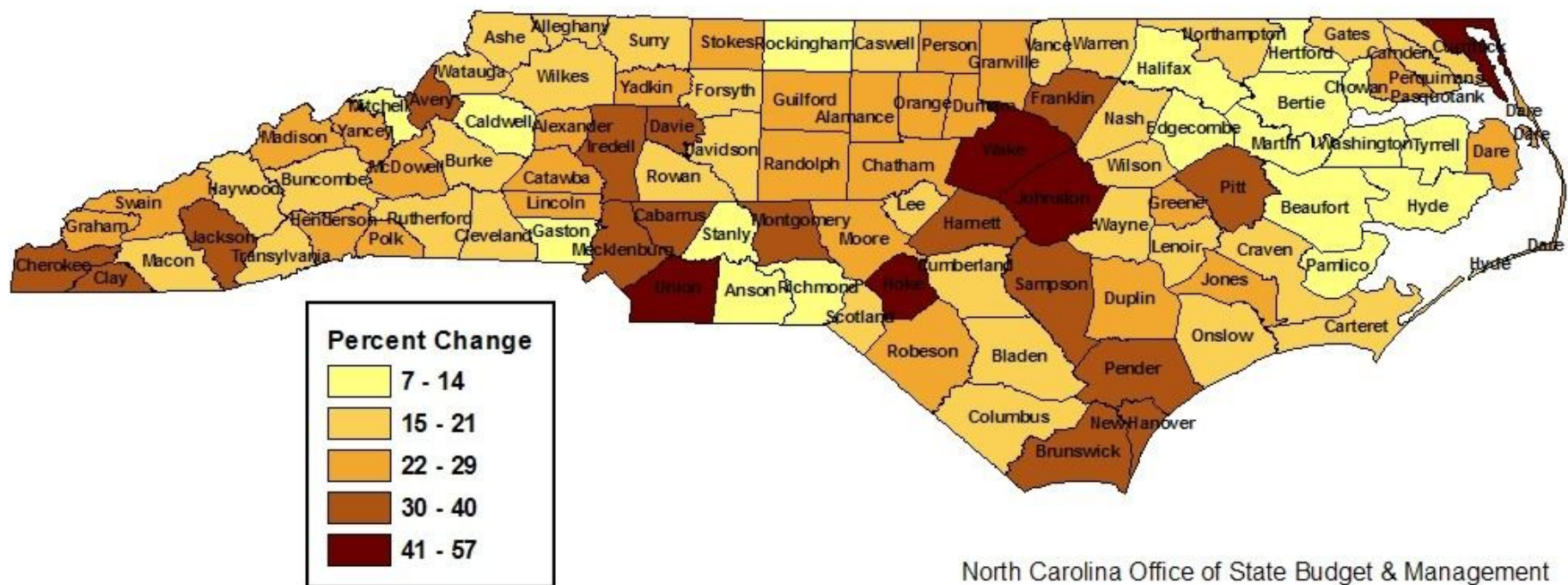


# General Housing Trends

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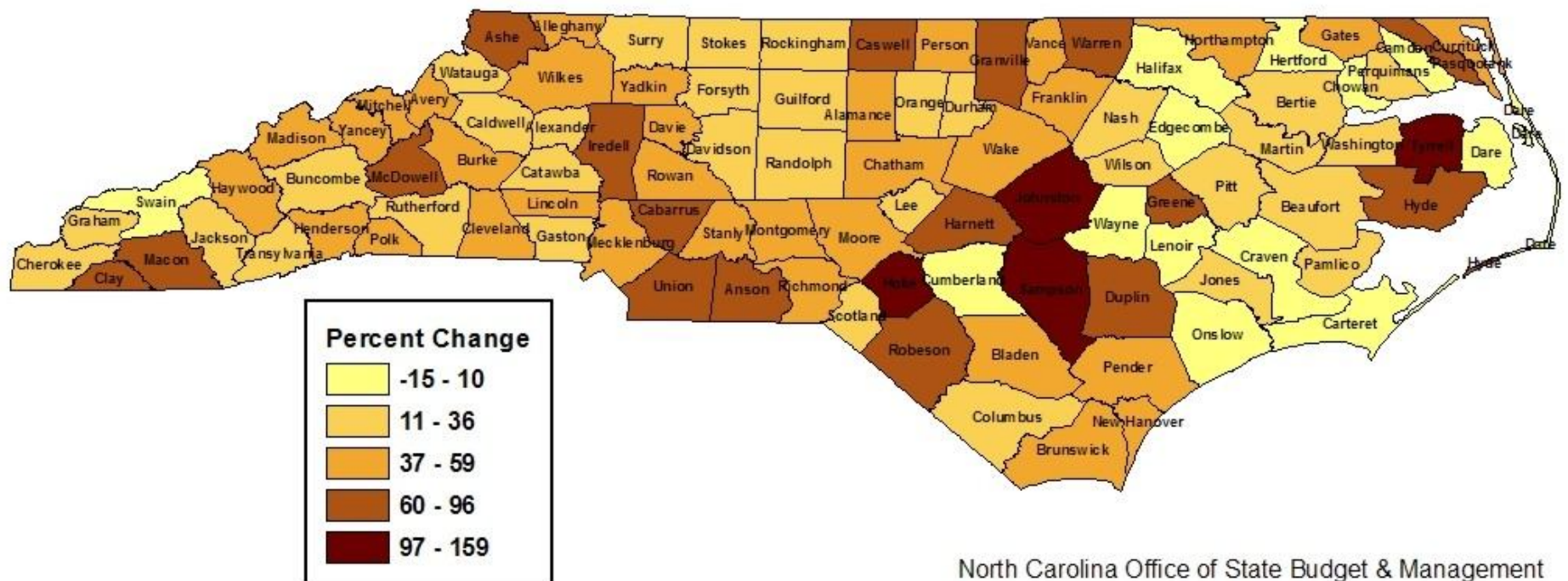
- ❑ Bigger houses on smaller lots with fewer people in them.
- ❑ More garages and bathrooms
- ❑ More two story, fewer one story houses
- ❑ More condos
- ❑ Housing built further from downtown areas

## 1990 - 2000 Percent Change in Total Housing Units



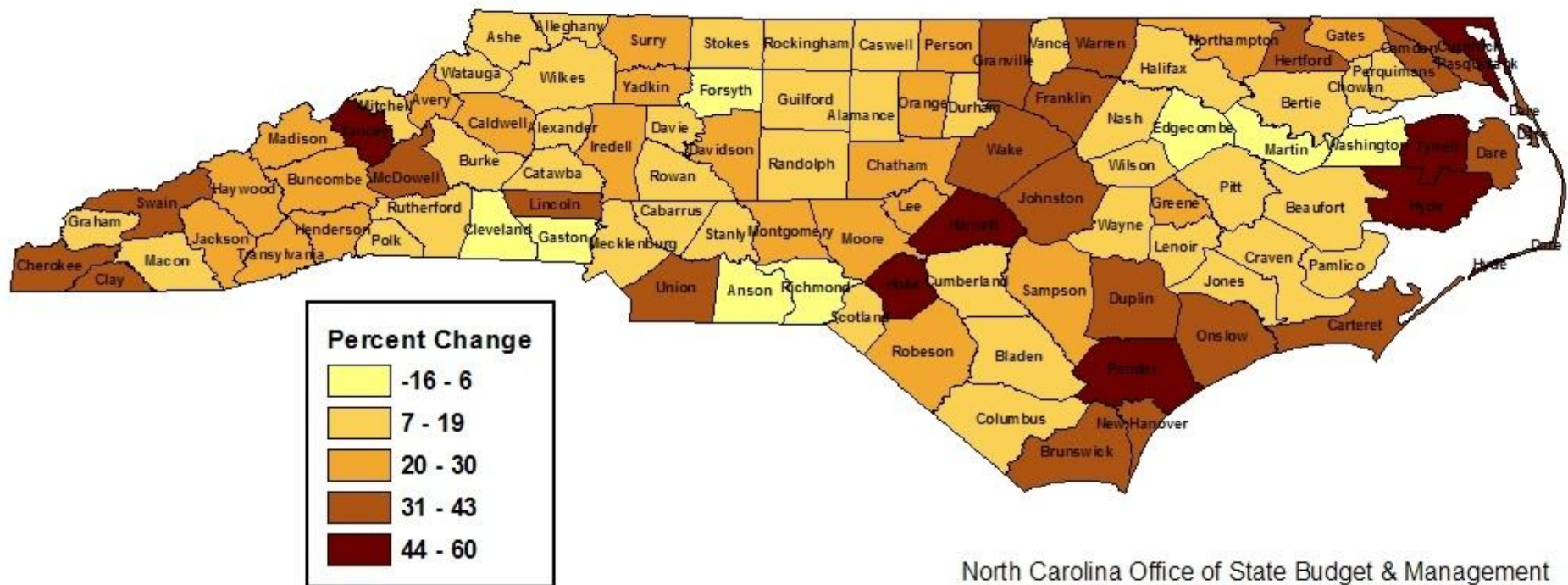
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## 1990 - 2000 Percent Change in County In-Migration



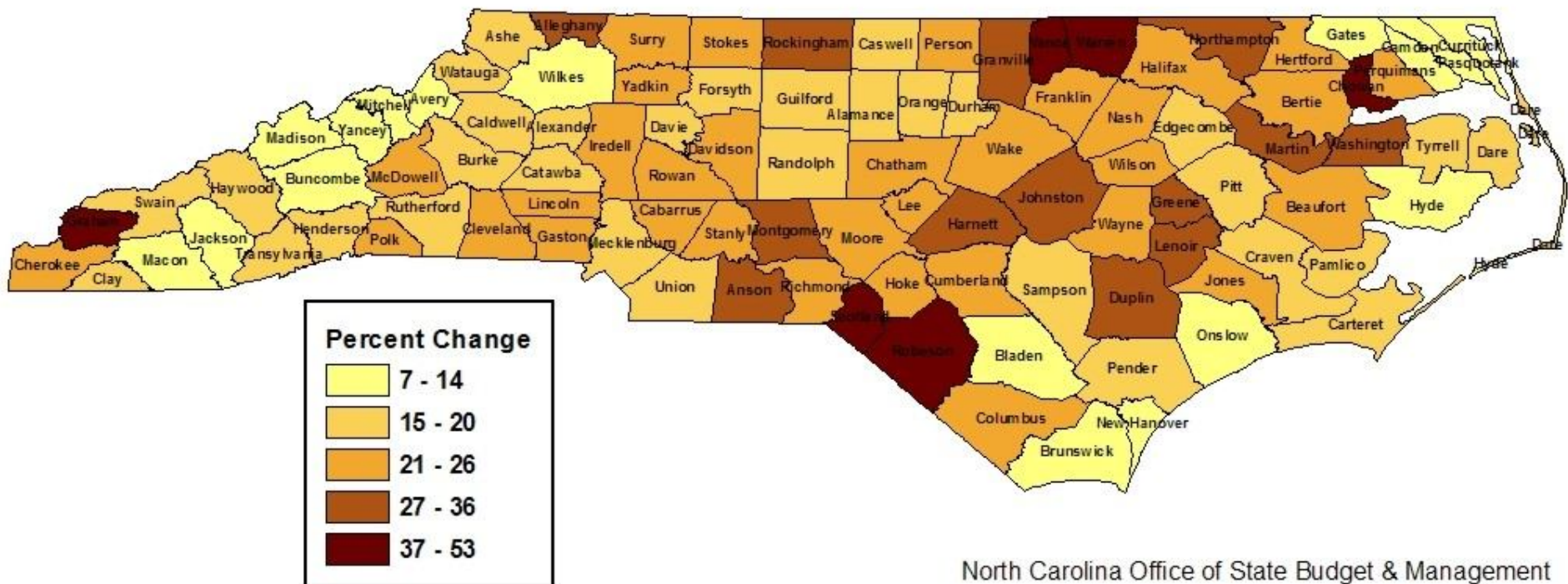
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## 1990 - 2000 Percent Change in Homes with 3 or More Vehicles





## 1990 - 2000 Percent Change in Commuting Time to Work



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# Data Sources

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- US Census Bureau
  - Decennial Census
  - Annual Population Estimates
  - American Community Survey

United States®  
**Census**  
**2010**



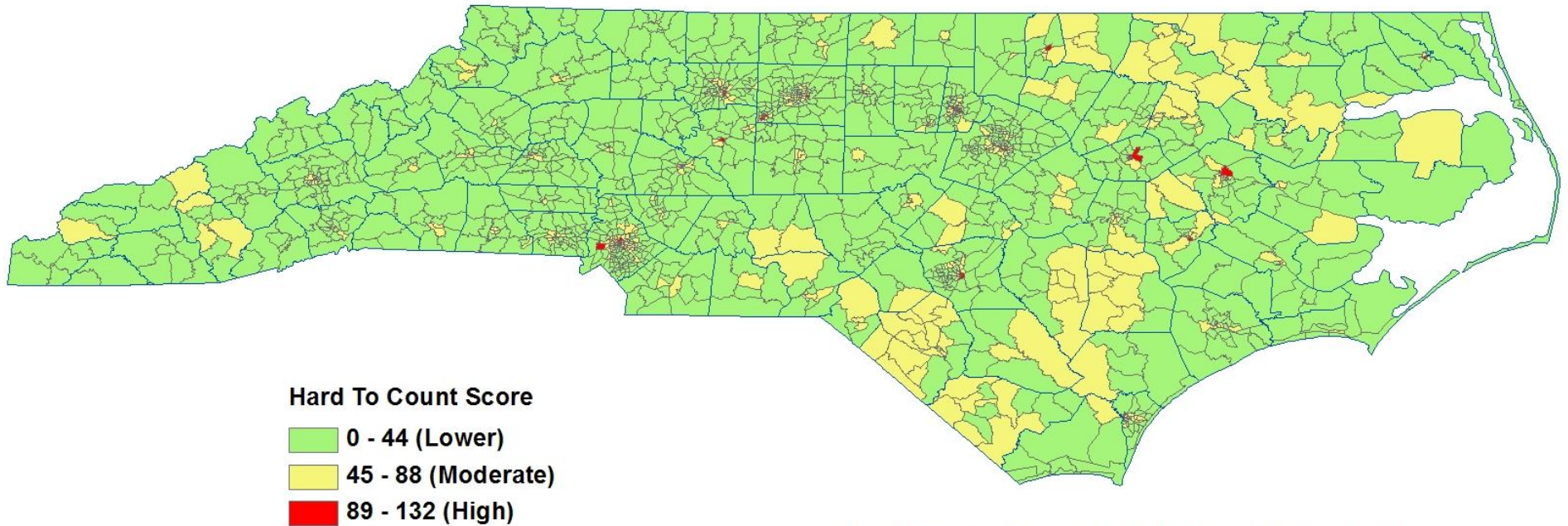
# Data Reality

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- ❑ People are missed in the Census, but some groups are missed more than others

People who have recently moved
People in poverty
People who don't speak English well
Black males between 18 and 35

## North Carolina Hard To Count Tracts



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# North Carolina and the 2010 Census

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**IT'S IN OUR HANDS**



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